

## COA Meeting Notes

September 9, 2015

Kevin called the meeting to order at 10:33 am. Members present: Kevin Rudden, Earl Pearlman, Carol Kotros, Mary Ann Hopkins, Peg Nogueira, Ann Vandersluis and Director, Amy Wilson-Kent. Bob Carlson was absent. Others present: Friends' President, Sue Carlson; Friends' member, Nancy Jenkins; and Town Manager, Kim Newman.

The Secretary, Treasurer and Director's reports were all unanimously approved. Sue Carlson gave a brief Friends' report. Letters have gone out to groups who use the senior center regarding gift basket donations for the Oktoberfest. NYC /Atlantic City trip was cancelled due to low registration. A dinner theater trip to Venus de Milo in Swansea is planned for Thursday, Nov 12. Cost is \$55/person.

Peg Nogueira updated us on the current Penpal program. This year there are 22 fourth graders and it is a different 4<sup>th</sup> grade class participating. She has a full roster of senior penpals.

### Old Business

COA Cookout—we need a new grill and we'd like to take advantage of year end clearance sales. Earl mentioned that Tom Sawyer had said Milford Nat'l Bank would probably be willing to donate a new grill. Earl will speak to Tom about this. Sue Carlson said she would ask the Friends at next Monday's meeting in the event the first option doesn't pan out.

Senior Tea—17 seniors along with their guests attended. The pie from Outpost in Holliston was delicious. Earl's piano music was wonderful.

Food Pantry—there were 2 distributions in August due to Labor Day. Scout food drive is on November 7. A Girl Scout troop held a fundraiser and made a monetary donation to the food pantry. Carol and Amy are deciding whether to buy a shopping cart, a utility cart or both. Carol mentioned a utility cart could be used for upstairs functions as well.

Senior Tax Abatement Program—Kim said she has only heard positive feedback. Actually, she would like to see the program expanded. Currently, this depends on Tax Overlay Account money.

Senior of the Year—attendance is at full capacity with a max of 110. Those on waiting list are being contacted. Carol made a motion to approve up to \$100 for two cakes. Earl seconded. All approved. John Fernandes and Ryan Fattman will be in attendance.

### New Business

MCOA Conference—is in Sturbridge MA this year. Amy will attend Oct 7 & 8. Kevin will pay his own way and attend on Oct 7 making sure he and Amy attend different sessions.

Senior Center Expansion—Kim said there is no report yet from the Paddock Study, which was a walk through to determine best uses for the land. As to the architectural study, we should not even consider this until next year.

Veterans' Appreciation—we decided to hold a breakfast on Friday, November 6, 2015.

Holiday Dinner—we set the date for December 17, 2015.

#### Election of Officers

Carol is willing to serve as Treasurer again. Mary Ann nominated her. Peg seconded. All approved.

Ann is willing to serve as Secretary again. Mary Ann nominated her. Kevin seconded. All approved.

Earl is willing to serve as Vice Chair again. Peg nominated him. Carol seconded. All approved.

Kevin is willing to serve as Chair again. Earl nominated him. Mary Ann seconded. All approved.

There were no additional nominations from the floor on any of these positions.

#### Open Forum

Selectmen will hold a Meet and Greet on Saturday, September 26, at 9am. We will host the state COA training on Sept 30 from 9am to 12pm. There will be a flu shot clinic on Oct 16. An Aging Well program will be at BVT on Oct 29. The November COA meeting will be on Nov 4 due to Veterans Day being the following Wednesday.

An Eagle Scout project will be to build shelving in the garage to get durable medical equipment off the floor.

Carol suggested that people who receive fuel assistance complete an application for SNAP because some of them just show up at the food pantry. It was felt we should suggest this by giving them the form, but not require it.

Kevin wants to form a committee to review COA procedures and give all COA members an updated copy of these. Kim suggested we could review one procedure at each COA meeting until all are looked at if we don't get volunteers for a committee.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Vandersluis

Secretary